

Workshop: Successful Orientations – Presenting tedious information in a student-friendly format

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International students hit the ground running and in their excitement to begin their experience abroad, they often forget that host organisations are legally required to pass on a surplus of key information. For many organisations, this information generally pertains to health and safety or course requirements, is meant to be relayed accurately in a short period of time and regardless of relevancy, because the nature of the presentations is more often than not – boring for students. Between jet lag and anticipation, it is not easy to capture the attention of students, or engage them with the important information that you've worked hard to prepare.

This workshop will examine three key areas of the Institute for Study Abroad, Butler University (IFSA-Butler) student orientation programme: health and safety; cultural component; on the ground. We will share our ideas for turning tedious information into a valuable and interactive student-centred experience that your students will enjoy, remember and use as a bridge and platform for their educational, cultural and behavioural experience in their host country. The workshop will include round table discussions, idea sharing and practical tips which can be easily implemented and is open to anyone who organises student orientations or events.

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